

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A locking apparatus comprising:

a lock driver configured to electrically lock and unlock a door;

a biometric verifier configured to receive biometric information from a user, verify the received biometric information by comparing it with registered biometric information, and if the biometric verification authenticates the user, enable the lock driver to electrically operate;

a key cylinder ~~attached to the door~~ interlinked with the lock drive to permit manual operation of the lock drive via a key cooperating with the key cylinder;

~~an interlock configured to interlock the key cylinder with the lock driver; and~~

~~a key configured to manually operate the lock driver in cooperation with the key cylinder and interlock~~

a detector configured to detect manipulation of the key cylinder;

an alarm device configured to give an alarm in response to the detector detecting manipulation of the key cylinder;

a power supply;

the detector including a switch interconnecting the alarm and the power supply which sets off the alarm when the detector detects manipulation of the key cylinder; and

a normally-closed disconnecting switch connecting the power supply to the alarm, configured to disconnect the power supply when the biometric verifier authenticates the user.

2. (Currently Amended) The locking apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a lever configured to open and close the door;

a pivot shaft extended from the lever to face the lock driver; and

a hollow formed through the pivot shaft, configured to receive the key cylinder, wherein:

~~the interlock~~ an interlink is extended from the key cylinder; and

an end of the ~~interlock~~ interlink is joined with the lock driver when the lever with the key cylinder incorporated in the hollow is installed on the door.

3. (Cancel)

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5. (Currently Amended) The locking apparatus of claim 1, wherein  
the biometric verifier is connected to the alarm power supply circuit.

6. (New) The locking apparatus of claim 2, wherein the biometric verifier  
is connected to the alarm power supply circuit.